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7 **BEFORE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION**
8 **IN AND FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In re the Certification of

NO. 18-677

10 **JULIUS D. KAUTZ III**

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

11 Respondent.

12 On or about June 29, 2017, JULIUS D. KAUTZ III, a certified Tribal Law
13 Enforcement Officer with the Nisqually Tribal Police Department, was discharged for
14 disqualifying misconduct as defined by RCW 43.101.010(8)(b). The disqualifying
15 misconduct included conduct constituting a crime committed under color of authority as
16 a peace officer, to wit: Official Misconduct. RCW 9A.80.010. The disqualifying
17 misconduct also included conduct constituting a crime involving dishonesty or false
18 statement within the meaning of Evidence Rule 609(a), to wit: Making a False or
19 Misleading Statement to a Public Servant. RCW 9A.76.175. The disqualifying
20 misconduct is as follows:

21 **Count I**

22 On or around January, March, and April 2017, JULIUS D. KAUTZ III engaged in
23 behavior constituting the crime of Official Misconduct when KAUTZ contacted several
24 current and former employees of the Nisqually Tribe and attempted to influence their
25 testimony and/or ask for their assistance in an official proceeding involving his son,
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1 Ryan Kautz. The Respondent used his position of authority to commit this unauthorized
2 act with the intent of benefiting his son, Ryan Kautz.

3 AND/OR

4 **Count II**

5 On or about May 2, 2017, JULIUS D. KAUTZ III engaged in behavior constituting
6 the crime of Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant by knowingly
7 making material false or misleading statements during an internal investigation
8 interview. The interview was conducted by Denise Scaffidi, an agent of the Nisqually
9 Tribal Police Department hired to complete the investigation. The Respondent knew
10 that public servants at the Nisqually Tribal Police Department and/or Nisqually Tribe
11 were reasonably likely to rely upon these statements in the discharge of their official
12 powers or duties.

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14 The discharge is final and some or all of the acts or omissions forming the basis
15 for the discharge proceedings occurred on or after January 1, 2002.
16 RCW 43.101.105(d).

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18 DATED this 5 day of August, 2020.

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20 By:

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22 RUSS HICKS, ACTING MANAGER
23 Peace Officer Certification
24 Criminal Justice Training Commission
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